GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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RESCUE FACILITIES WITH INDIAN COAST GUARD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the facilities for search and rescue available with Indian Coast Guard at the time of air operation training;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the resources available with Western, Southern and Eastern Naval Commands to tackle the situation during war?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Indian Coast Guard has in its inventory 52 ships and 42 aircraft at the disposal of respective Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres (MRCCs) to carry out search and rescue operations.During out break of hostalities, the Coast Guard would function under the command of the Navy. In such an eventuality the ships and aircraft available with Western, Southern and Eastern Naval Commands including Coast Guard assets will be deployed to undertake search and rescue operations.